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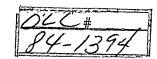


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The Honorable William J. Casey Director, Central Intelligence Agency

Attention: Director, External Affairs

Dear Mr. Casey:

Enclosed are 10 copies of our draft report, <u>U.S. Military</u> Activities in Central America (GAO assignment code 463714) for your review and comments.

It is requested that your comments be provided within 30 days of the date of this letter. 31 U.S.C. 718(b) limits the period of time for comment on this report to 30 days from the date of this letter unless the Comptroller General grants an extension after the head of the agency shows (1) that a longer period is necessary and (2) that an extension is likely to result in improvement in the accuracy of the report. Please contact Stewart L. Tomlinson on 695-1713 if the 30-day deadline cannot be met.

We call your attention to the notice stamped on the cover of the draft report regarding limitations on the use of the draft report and the need for safeguards to prevent its premature or unauthorized use.

We have requested the Department of Defense to provide a security classification review.

Copies of this draft are being sent to the Secretaries of Defense and State and the Administrator, Agency for International Development.

Sincerely yours,

Frank C. Conahan

Director

Enclosures - 10

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